

1. File Name: MHCHAOS (OPS/ITG)

2. Description: The MHCHAOS program was originally set up as a sensitive, high priority operation concerning foreign contacts with U.S. individuals and organizations of the Radical Left to discover the extent to which the Soviets, CHICOMS, Cubans, and other communist countries were exploiting our domestic problems in terms of espionage and subversion, particularly with respect to any evidence of foreign direction, control, funding, or training.

3. The CHAOS holdings contain two types of files:

a. Personality: There are 9771 personality files; 8328 of these are on U.S. citizens. However, these 8328 files refer to only 7238 individuals, since CHAOS created three types of personality files and some people have more than one type of file. The files breakdown by type as follows: (1) 6246 201-files; (2) 1471 so-called sensitive files, which are virtually the same as 201 files (but do not have 201 numbers assigned) except they contain documents restricted solely to the CHAOS unit and are not retrievable through IP/Files; (3) 611 soft files - these were originally maintained by individual analysts assigned to the CHAOS unit as working files; again these files are not retrievable through IP/Files.

b. Subject: The 923 subject files break down into the same three categories as the personality files: (1) 116 subject files retrievable through IP/Files; (2) 564 sensitive files; (3) 243 soft files. It should be noted that many of these files are quite voluminous.

c. All of the above files can be retrieved through the CHAOS computer system.

d. There has been no input into CHAOS files since 1973.

4. Frequency and Purpose of Current Use: The only current use is to service FOIA/PA requests and other special requests (Congressional), usually related in some way to FOIA/PA, such as requests from the OGC for information concerning FOIA/PA appeals cases or litigation against the Agency.

5. Retirement/Destruction Plans: It is planned to eliminate the CHAOS file system as a separate entity as soon as possible. The Rockefeller commission and Congressional investigations during the past year into the Agency's conduct precluded any action to dispose of the CHAOS records system. All records will be reviewed and those not meeting present criteria will be destroyed. The remainder will be integrated into the DDO records system.

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